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"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the House of the Lord."



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The liberal is also disturbed because his faith in the innate goodness of the human heart is upset by the undeniable evidence that the hearts of men are desperately wicked and that unregenerate man is hopelessly lost.

The liberal is likewise appalled by the developments of science which he has slavishly worshipped. Science, in the hands of sinful man, has brought forth a Frankenstein which even now can destroy civilization.

Furthermore, the liberal is discomforted by the admissions of many scientists that some of their "assured findings" are neither assured nor found. Having accepted the evolutionary hypothesis and building or rationalizing his faith accordingly, the liberal now finds that the Genesis record is entirely compatible with established scientific facts. This is embarrassing, to say the least.

Yes, liberalism faces a dilemma. The humble seeker after truth whether he be a mistaken liberal or a loveless follower of orthodoxy will turn to God His eternal Son and His Book and find the answer. The liberal who is actually masking unbelief under the cloak of a liberalism, will seek out yet other blind alleys into which he will explore, taking all he can influence to accompany him into yet further adventures of make-believe. —L.N.B.

The Main-Stream Of Christianity

Rather frequently these days one hears the statement that the great movements for ecumenicity, with their various ramifications and implications are the "main-stream of Christianity."

Near Chattanooga the railroad crosses the Tennessee River, first on a short bridge to an island and then by a long bridge over a wide expanse of water. The casual traveller would surmise that this broad part is the main stream of the river.

But, if one will look closely, one will see that along the narrow channel are buoys and navigation lights and it is along this narrow channel that the boats are passing. The broad waterway is so shallow it is useless.

The main-stream of Christianity is to be found where souls are saved from sin and built up into useful Christians. Along this stream will be found the buoys of an unimpaired faith and the navigation lights of the Bible as the very Word of God.

Numbers, clamor, organization, none of these seem to have great importance in God's sight. The main-stream of Christianity is where God's Holy Spirit is working in power.

"In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength."

—L.N.B.

The Spiritual Mission Of The Church

In her origin and through the longer part of her history the Southern Presbyterian Church has gloried in the spiritual mission of the Church. This is a part of our testimony to the sole Headship of our Lord Jesus Christ. As He is our King it is the Church's duty as a part of His Kingdom to do only those things He has commissioned His Church to do, that is, worship God, preach the Gospel, proclaim the law of Christ given in His Word.

Those who have followed in this Southern Presbyterian faith have not felt comfortable in some of the inter-denominational or super-church movements because these movements have sought to channel the activities of all of the co-operating denominations into other tasks than those committed by Christ to His Church. Recent comments bring this out in a conspicuous manner.

An elder in a nearby synod complains that an interdenominational organization there is arranging for the Churches to discuss and make findings on the matter of price controls. A lady here objects that the Council of Churchwomen recently appeared before the City Council on one side of the question of rent controls. Another elder from a nearby synod objects that a committee of an interdenominational organization on which our Church was represented, submitted a resolution to their Executive Committee charging that the Un-American Activities Committee of Congress had been used "to falsify, intimidate, and smear," and asking for a new committee.

Brethren, are these matters for the Church? Has Christ commissioned His body to settle these matters? Has the Church a fact-finding committee to investigate such matters? Or is the Church expected to act on sentiment or sentimentality without awareness of facts? Is the Church in the world hunting questions about which to pass resolutions, or has God put her here with a task and a message that is unique, God-given, and God-empowered? The Apostle Paul was separated unto the Gospel of God concerning His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 1). —Wm.C.R.

Howerton Hall

At its August meeting the Board of Directors of the Mountain Retreat Association voted to name the new conference building, erected on the site of the old Alba Hotel, Howerton Hall.

This building, which also contains a spacious and lovely cafeteria, has been completed and has been in use all summer. The rooms are large and well appointed, and the entire building, both in outward appearance and interior finishing is one which is a credit to Montreat and which will mean much to those attending conferences in the years to come.

In naming this building Howerton Hall the Directors have given rightful recognition to the man